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1. On the northern tip of the island there is a bunker in cement, cylindric in shape, with horizontal openings, on top of which a telemeter can be seen. Two low buildings, used as barracks, are located nearby; about 20 soldiers were seen there but [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] some of the soldiers ran to the bunker. [REDACTED]

2. Two guns, of a caliber not less than 80/90 mm, are emplaced on the top of the hill which dominates the northern cape; their barrels can be seen above the level of the rocks. [REDACTED]

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3. On the western slope of the mountain, which is located south of the "Inferno Valley," there are three anti-aircraft guns of a caliber not less than 80/90 mm.--also located on this slope is a double barrelled machine gun (or possibly a small cannon), the caliber of which is approximately 40 mm. The muzzles are equipped with flash shields. [REDACTED]

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4. A rocky ridge extends in a westerly direction over the top of the mountain which dominates the southern tip of the island. Three artillery pieces about 150-200 mm. are emplaced vertically, one above the other, along the ridge. Behind each piece there is a wall set up in a north-south direction, and a small protective wall is built around each piece. A little further to the north there is another similar artillery piece, emplaced on a slightly lower grade; it has a circular protective wall, but there is no wall behind it. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all the guns, with the exception of that emplaced at the highest level, were covered with camouflage nets. Small pathways lead from each individual gun to the top of the mountain.

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5. On the top of the mountain, immediately above the guns, there are two low cement "bunkers," of the type used for observation posts.

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6. The two summits of the mountains located on the southern end of "Inferno Valley" are connected by a line of electric or telephone poles. A frame, consisting of four equidistant vertical poles, topped by one horizontal pole, can be seen at the end of the line of poles; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
7. On the southwestern coast of the island, slightly to the north of the two buildings shown in Attachment No. 3, there is a deep square trench which is covered by a board, and camouflaged with gravel; [redacted] reserve ammunition for the nearby battery is hidden in the trench. 50X1-HUM
8. Also on the southwestern coast, there are two low buildings which are used as barracks for the personnel of the nearby battery [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] 50X1-HUM
9. A cement "bunker," with a horizontal observation hole, is very close to the buildings mentioned above. Three small-caliber guns, surrounded by circular protective walls, are emplaced close to the "bunker;" [redacted] when the elevation of these guns is at zero, their barrels touch the walls surrounding them. 50X1-HUM
10. There are three clefts in the rocks along the western coast, the largest of which is located below the lighthouse; this latter is pear-shaped, the largest area being to the inside of the cave. Only small boats can enter these three caves.
11. Some buildings, used as barracks, are located in the space between the two mountains on the eastern side of the island, immediately east of the coastal battery. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
12. A road leads from the barracks, and joins another road, 2 kilometers away, which leads to another group of barracks; at the point where the two roads meet, there is a building, formerly the headquarters of a [redacted] command, which is located on an elevated position. 50X1-HUM
13. A terrace, covered by laterally-placed mats which thus effectively disguise it, is located immediately to the north of the above-mentioned building. The carriages of three or four small cannons or machine guns can be seen on the small portion of the terrace which is uncovered.
14. The port of San Nicolo is protected by two lines of closely-placed massive cement blocks which, at a distance, appear to form one continuous line. A minesweeper was reported to have been present in the port early in August 1951.
15. On the banks in front of the port of San Nicolo a tank, having a capacity of approximately 60 tons, and set up on a supporting structure, is located in a north-south direction; the tank is painted black.
16. Two long galleries, which lead to two tunnels, can be seen on the small hill which dominates the coast at "Inferno Valley."
17. Two horizontal excavations can be seen on the southern slope of the mountain which is situated south of "Inferno Valley," the material excavated is being thrown into the valley. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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18. On the top of the hill which dominates the northern tip, and runs along the entire western coast of the island, there is a small clearing on which there are 6-7 walls, each about 7x9 meters in size, which are situated in an east-west direction, 10 meters apart. Other similar walls are also located on the slopes of the mountain which dominates the clearing, and which has signalling equipment on top.
19. Four guns, of a caliber not less than 150 mm., are emplaced in the clearing immediately in front of four of the walls mentioned; a small, stirrup-shaped protective wall is built around each gun, and all the guns, as well as the walls behind them, are covered by camouflage nets, from which the muzzles of the guns emerge. These are covered with caps, which are fastened with three buckles.
20. On the western edge of the clearing described above, where the coastal battery is emplaced, there are two machine guns.
21. There are two buildings in "Inferno Valley," on top of one of which can be seen three antennas; a line of electric poles reaches the building, and two radio-telegraphic antennas are located near the second building.  50X1-HUM
22. There are no submarine caves or bunkers in the entire perimeter of the island.

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